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City of Gahanna Division of Police

Dennis Murphy, Chief of Police

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CITY RECOGNIZES DEPARTMENT'S TOP COPS AT ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

GAHANNA, OHIO – On Saturday, January 31, 2004, the Gahanna Division of Police held its annual awards dinner at the Best Courier facility, 1200 Technology Drive, Gahanna, Ohio. Best Courier owner Jerry and Joe Eckart and their staff hosted the event for the third consecutive year. Presiding over the event were Mayor Rebecca Stinchcomb and Director of Public Safety, Robert O.E. Keyes. Several City Council members were also present for the dinner and ceremony. This year's top cop honor went to veteran officer Norman Monroe. Other top winners were as follows:

**Supervisor of the Year: Sergeant Monty McCormick
Support Officer of the Year: Officer Edward Wheeler
Communications Officer of the Year: Clarence R. "Dick" Jenkinson**

Over 100 additional awards were given to various members of the Gahanna Division of Police for the many day-to-day events that officers respond to in the City. Four officers were also honored for their service on active military duty during recent deployments. Those officers are:

Officer Todd Huffman – Ohio Air National Guard
Officer Christopher Thomas – Ohio Army National Guard
Officer Shafi Saiduddin – U. S. Army Reserve
Officer Adam Miller – U. S. Army Reserve

Mayor Stinchcomb, Director Keyes and Chief Murphy also presented a Civilian Recognition Award to Brad Kiger of the Ohio Division of Wildlife for his enforcement efforts to prevent the illegal poaching of deer within Gahanna's Park System. Also honored this year, but not present for the ceremony was long-time Gahanna resident Sam Ishida for his work with department's tactical response unit's vehicles.

The Gahanna Division of Police would like to extend its sincere appreciation to the following individuals and businesses who contributed to a successful ceremony:

Anna Rees and the staff of Rees Flowers
The Gahanna Community Council
Gatsby's
Signatures
Decorations by Gilmore
Jess Howard Electric Company
The Sign Stop
The Kroger Company
The Portrait House
Kesser Jewelers
On Duty Equipment Company
Dr. James Hutta



Chief Murphy and Deputy Chief Rinehart present Sam Ishida with the Civilian Recognition Award at Ishida's Agler Road business.

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